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Anderson (Samuel)

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Dear Sir C. E. Sawyer

For some time I have felt, that I would like to write to you, in reference to the "U. S. L. Book of Remembrance" you mention.

My brother Benjamin Hills & myself Sarah Hills, through our Mother, are direct descendants of an old U. S. L. family, the Andersons of Cornwall

Samuel Anderson was the eldest son of Benjamin & Hannah Anderson, who were on a farm near Boston.

Samuel married Deliverance Bulfinch 1761. He served with the King's forces for several years, he also settled on a farm, where he lived until the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1775.

He was offered a company in the Continental Service which he refused, later was offered the command of a regiment, in the same Service which he also refused.

This caused him to be looked upon as too friendly to the King & led to an attempt on the part

Benjamin & Sarah



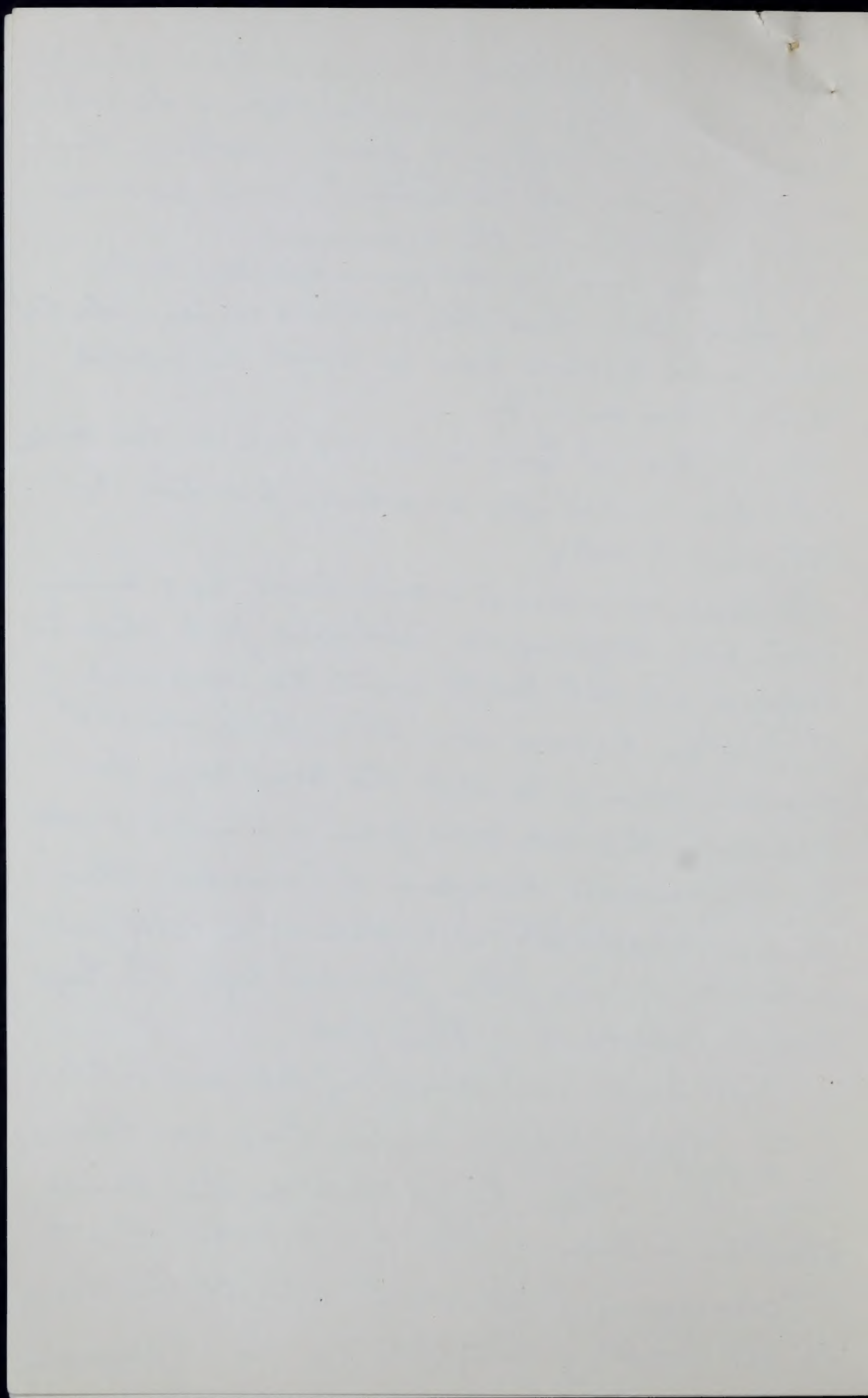
of some of his neighbors, to convert him from the error of his ways, by one or the other of the gentle means of carting, flogging or tarring & feathering, then in vogue among the Revolutionary party, five or six of them started to try the experiment.

They found him in the farm splitting rails. He asked them what they wanted & on being told that they intended teaching him a lesson, he invited them to come on & try.

They looked at him & at the axe on his shoulder & slunk away, evidently considering "discretion the better part of valor".

The next move was to arrest him, he & many others were confined in Litchfield jail, where he suffered all but death, until the beginning of 1777, when having been told, that all the prisoners were to be shot the next day, he wrenched, the iron bars from a window & with his companions, escaped to Canada, where he was appointed, a Captain in the first battalion of Sir John Johnston's corps, The King's Royal Regiment of New York.

Capt. Anderson served in the first battalion of the Royal Yorkers, until they were disbanded in ^{the spring of} 1784, when he settled on the land allotted to him - lots 1 & 2 in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd concessions of Cornwall & built his house on the front of lot N^o 1 in the 1st concession.



He was appointed a magistrate in 1785, previous to the division of the Province of Quebec, into Upper & Lower Canada & continued in the commission of the peace until his death.

He was Judge of the Eastern District Court 1794-1814 & of the Surrogate Court for same district from 1794-1812.

He drew half pay as a Captain from 1784 until his death 1836.

He had six sons & one daughter.

The eldest son Joseph married Johanna Faerand. Joseph came to Canada with his Mother early in 1775 & joined his father at Sorel.

(From the time of Samuel Anderson's imprisonment in Litchfield jail, his wife & family saw nothing of him, until late in 1778, when M^{rs} Anderson, who had suffered terribly from the cruelty of the Continentals, abandoned all her property, paid the Yankee governor, two shillings & sixpence for a pass & went with her children to Sorel, where her husband was stationed with his company of the Royal Yorkers.

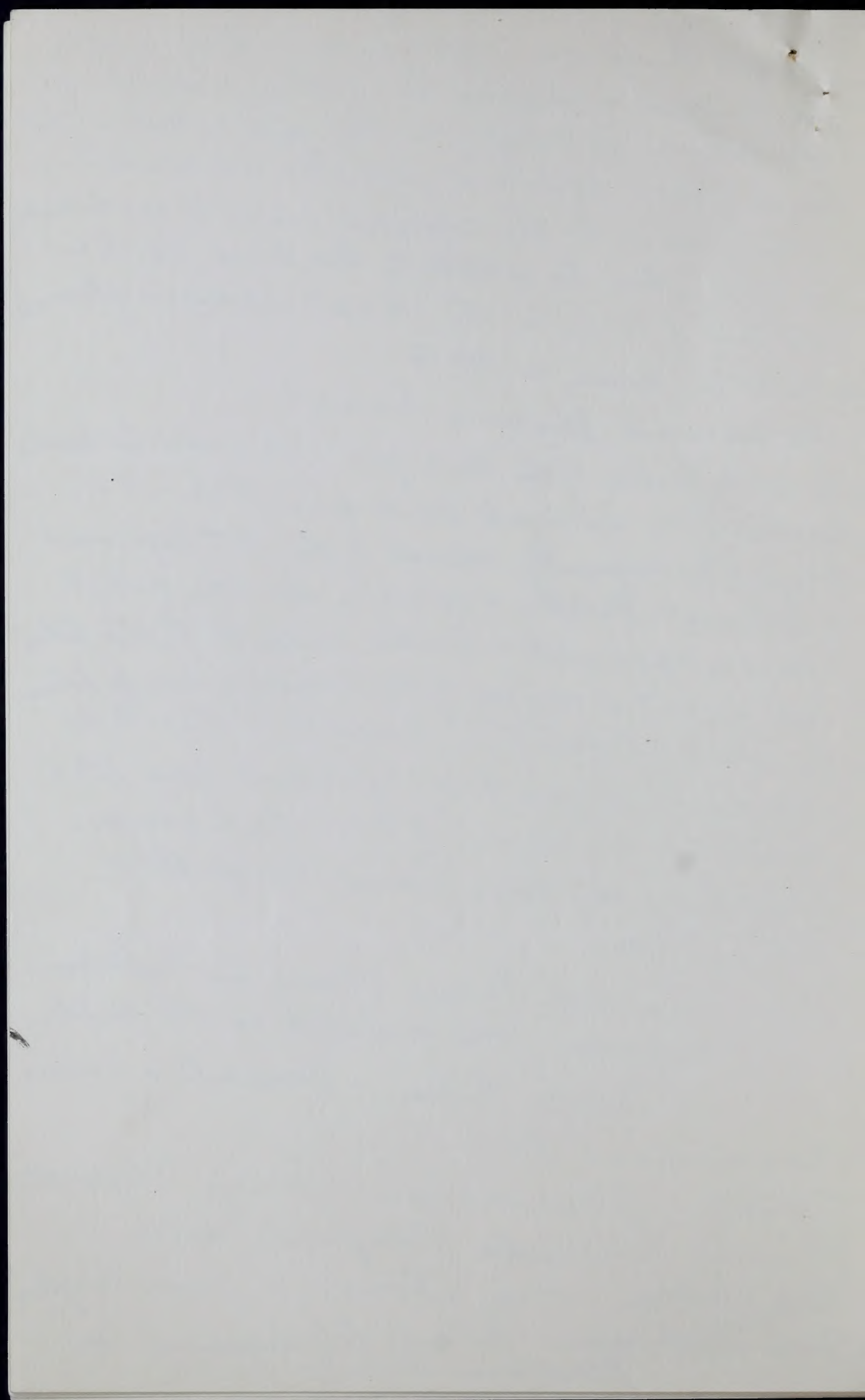
All the information she had of her husband during the long interval, was from hearing a Sergeant (who with a party of Continental soldiers had billeted himself in her house) read a proclamation, offering a reward of five hundred pounds for the capture of Samuel Anderson, alive or dead.



Joseph Anderson, after ⁴reaching Roul with-
his brother, & meeting his father, received a
commission as ensign, in the first battalion of the
Royal Yorkers, afterwards promoted to a lieutenancy.
He served with the regiment, until it was disbanded
in 1784, when he settled on his land, lot-18 &
best-half of lot-17, in the 1st & 2nd Concession of Cornwall,
& built his house on lot-18.

He married Johanna Farrand.
He was a justice of the Peace from 1793, until his death.
Registrar of the Surrogate Court from 1800 - 1811.
Major & subsequently colonel of the 2nd Regiment
of Stormont Militia & served in the war of 1812.
He was appointed a trustee under the Public School
Act of 1807 & was one of the Commissioners for holding
the Courts of Requests in Cornwall 1833 - 1841.
He drew half pay as a lieutenant from 1784,
until his death in 1853. had issue.
Robert Isaac Iley Gray. Anne Margaret &
Helia Eliza.

Helia married James Clowes, an Englishman
a Civil Engineer, who assisted in the building
of the first Canals, Rideau, Cornwall & Welland.
Their children were
Samuel, Johanna Ann. Mary Elizabeth
Johanna married Benjamin Hills.
Their children, were Thomas, James Pingle,
Sarah Chapman. Robert Blackman &
Benjamin Habart.



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Sarah + Benjamin are the only living children now, of Johanna + Benjamin Hills.

There are other descendants from Samuel Anderson's family, but, these facts are directly in connection with ourselves.

One of Samuel Anderson's sons was Thomas Gummarsal, a Captain in the Indian Department, he lived to a great old age, his daughter Sophia Rowe gave me a great deal of information, about his early life. One of his sons was the Rev Gustavus Anderson of Leicester.

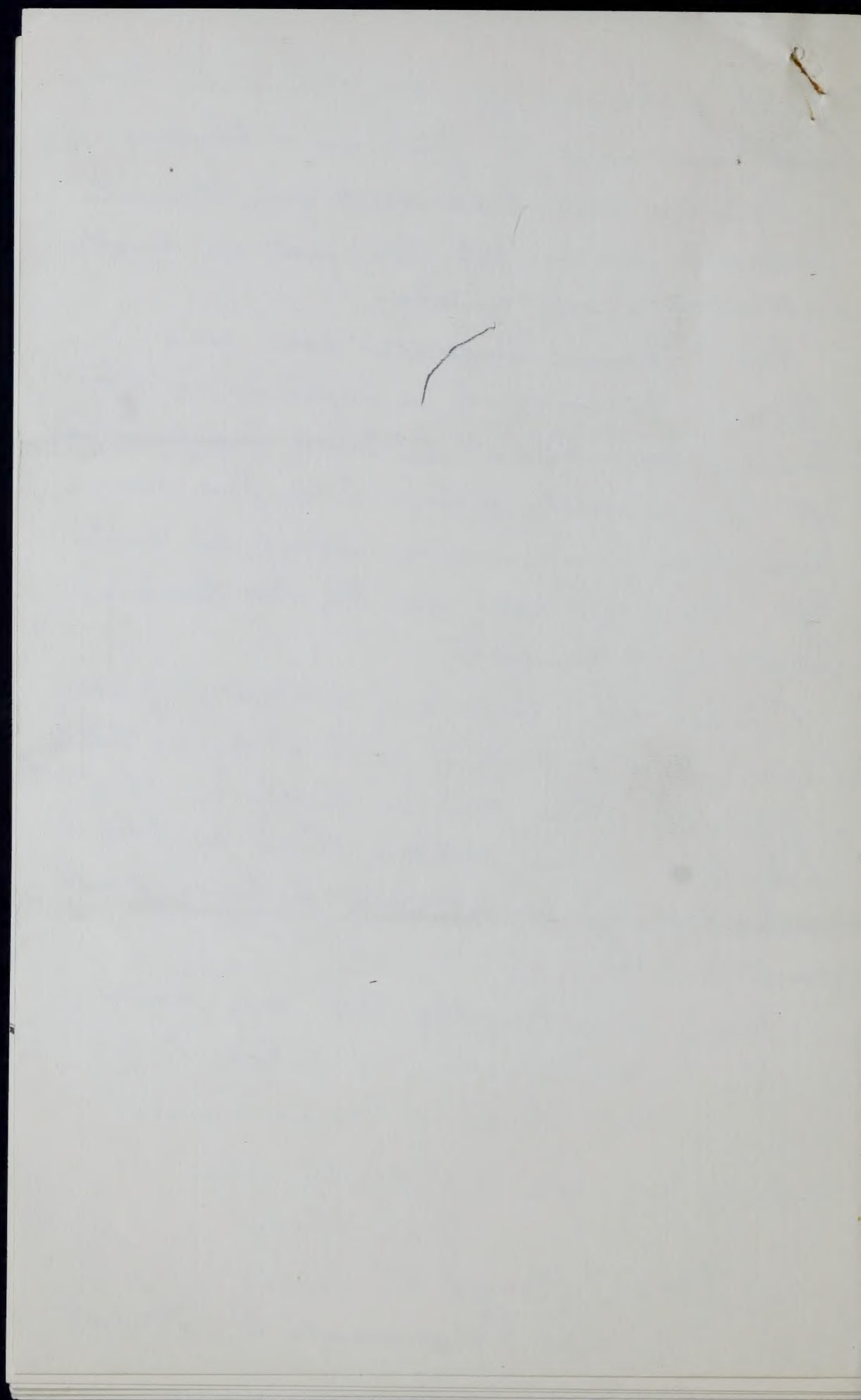
I hope this will be of interest + of use, I have tried to keep to facts + say as little as possible, there was so much in the early lives of the settlers, that we like to remember, it is difficult to know just what to say.

Will you kindly let me know if this is satisfactory, or likely to be used in the "Book of Remembrance," by doing so, you will greatly oblige

yours truly

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